

ABSTRACT

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A method, device and software module for controlling access by a requestor ~~(7)~~ to resources ~~(24)~~ in a distributed computer system ~~(1)~~, ~~consisting of~~ including defining roles that overlay one or more privileges and representing the requestor's authorization to perform specific tasks, ~~of~~ storing the defined roles in a memory or store ~~(10, 12)~~, and ~~of~~ storing an access control list that defines the conditions for obtaining a right to a resource type, i.e., a configured permission, in terms of privileges in said memory or store ~~(10, 12)~~ and utilizing a validity domain of a given role to restrict the resources accessible for a given role to only part of the resource.